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I wish to comment on the proposed settlement with Microsoft Corporation.

I am a software engineer, working for a large corporation. Although Microsoft/Intel (or Wintel) platforms are not my most common development target, I have done some work in that area. Although Microsoft has some fine products for software development, I have also experienced the pain and annoyance of dealing with Microsoft "extensions" or alterations to industry standard interfaces, chiefly POSIX, HTML, and the DCE RPC API in my experience. Microsoft clearly implements these changes to make software developed for their platform incompatible with software developed on other development platforms \*that follow the same standards\*. I see nothing in the Proposed Final Judgement that would prohibit this practice.

Further, I note that Section III.A.2 of the PFJ fails to prohibit Microsoft from retaliating against OEMs who might choose to ship some systems with a competing OS and NO Microsoft OS. In other words, as I read it, Microsoft is only forced to allow coexistence of other OSes with theirs. This seems to drastically subvert the purposes of the suit.

I believe there are probably other flaws and loopholes in the proposed agreement, but I don't have time to comment on all of them.

Please take the above problems into consideration and alter the settlement.

Thank you,  
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